

C H A P. VIII.

Passed 10th
August 1716.

An Act ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco Hogsheads, and to prevent Cropping, Cutting and Defacing Tobacco taken on board Ships or Vessels upon Freight; and for laying Impositions on Tobacco per the Hogshead, for the Support of Government; and for the encouraging Settlements in this Province, by ascertaining the Manner of paying his Lordship's Alienation Fines and Quit-Rents for the Term therein proposed; and for taking off the Three Pence per Hogshead formerly raised for the Public Charge. Lib. LL. N° 4. fol. 302. EXP.

To be in Force till the 29th September 1720. But a new Act was made under the same Title, 1717, ch. 7; whereby this Act was then superseded.

C H A P. IX.

Ditto. *An Act for confirming and making valid in Law a Conveyance of Land made by Anthony Ivy and Anne his Wife, lately deceased, to John Alla, of Queen-Anne's County. Lib. LL. N° 4. fol. 311. PR.*

C H A P. X.

Ditto. *An Act for confirming and making valid in Law, a Conveyance of Land made by Anthony Ivy and Anne his Wife, lately deceased, to Thomas Davies and John Davies, the Sons of John Davies, late of Queen-Anne's County, deceased. Lib. LL. N° 4. fol. 316. PR.*

C H A P. XI.

Ditto. *An ACT directing the Manner of Electing and Summoning Delegates and Representatives to serve in succeeding Assemblies; and for ascertaining the Expences of the Councillors, Delegates of Assembly, and Commissioners of the Provincial and County Courts of this Province. Lib. LL. N° 4. fol. 321.*

Supplementary Act 1718, ch. 1. See also 1724, ch. 18.

Preamble.

FORASMUCH as the chiefest and only Foundation and Support of any Kingdom, State, or Common-wealth, is the providing, establishing and enacting good and wholesome Laws, for the good Rule and Government thereof, and also upon any necessary and emergent Occasion, to raise and levy Money for defraying the Charge of the said Government, and the Defence thereof, neither of which, according to the Constitution of this Province, can be made, ordained, established or raised, but by and with the Consent of the Freemen of this Province, by their several Delegates and Representatives by them freely nominated, chosen and elected to serve for their several Cities and Counties in a General Assembly.

II. And forasmuch as the safest and best Rule for this Province to follow, in electing such Delegates and Representatives, is the Precedents of the Proceedings in Parliaments in *Great-Britain*, as near as the Constitution of this Province will admit, the Governor, Upper and Lower Houses of this present General Assembly, do humbly pray that it may be Enacted,

Writs of Election shall be issued 40 Days at least, before the Meeting of the Assembly, in the following

III. And be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of this present General Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That for the future, when and as often as his Excellency the Governor of this Province, for the Time being, shall, upon any Accident and urgent Affair of this Province, think fit to call and convene an Assembly, and to send out Writs for electing of Burgesses and Delegates to serve in such Assembly, such Writs shall issue forth Forty Days at least, before the Meeting of such Assembly; the Form of which Writs for Election of Delegates and Representatives, shall be as followeth,

“ CHARLES,